

Veteran Status* by Year, Maine Civilian Adults Aged 18 Years and Over, 2005-2010

Year	Single Year Estimated n	%
2005	145,352	14.5
2006	142,205	13.7
2007	142,506	13.8
2008	136,533	13.2
2009	132,238	12.7
2010	128,123	12.2

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey. Table DP02

(http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/wc_acs.xhtml, accessed 7/2/12).

All percentages are weighted to be more representative of the population of Maine and to adjust for non-response.

* "Veterans are men and women who have served (even for a short time), but are not currently serving, on active duty in the U.S.

Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or the Coast Guard, or who served in the U.S. Merchant Marine during World War II. People who served in the National Guard or Reserves are classified as veterans only if they were ever called or ordered to active duty, not counting the 4-6 months for initial training or yearly summer camps. All other civilians are classified as nonveterans. ... There may be a tendency for the following kinds of persons to report erroneously that they served on active duty in the Armed Forces: (a) persons who served in the National Guard or Military Reserves but were never called to duty; (b) civilian employees or volunteers for the USO, Red Cross, or the Department of Defense (or its predecessors, the Department of War and the Department of the Navy); and (c) employees of the Merchant Marine or Public Health Service." (Source: American Community Survey and Puerto Rico Community Survey 2010 Subject Definitions, http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/data_documentation/SubjectDefinitions/2010_ACSSubjectDefinitions.pdf, accessed 7/2/12)